

HOUSE No. 3238

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PRESENTED BY:

Carole A. Fiola

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the adoption of the accompanying bill:

An Act establishing the Olmsted Park improvement fund.

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
<i>Carole A. Fiola</i>	<i>6th Bristol</i>
<i>Paul A. Schmid, III</i>	<i>8th Bristol</i>
<i>Elizabeth A. Malia</i>	<i>11th Suffolk</i>
<i>Alan Silvia</i>	<i>7th Bristol</i>
<i>Aaron Vega</i>	<i>5th Hampden</i>
<i>Angelo M. Scaccia</i>	<i>14th Suffolk</i>
<i>Geoff Diehl</i>	<i>7th Plymouth</i>
<i>Mary S. Keefe</i>	<i>15th Worcester</i>
<i>Jay D. Livingstone</i>	<i>8th Suffolk</i>
<i>Ruth B. Balser</i>	<i>12th Middlesex</i>
<i>Brendan P. Crighton</i>	<i>11th Essex</i>
<i>James J. O'Day</i>	<i>14th Worcester</i>
<i>Nick Collins</i>	<i>4th Suffolk</i>
<i>Jonathan Hecht</i>	<i>29th Middlesex</i>
<i>Brian A. Joyce</i>	<i>Norfolk, Bristol and Plymouth</i>

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By Ms. Fiola of Fall River, a petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3238) of Carole A. Fiola and others for legislation to establish the Olmsted Park improvement fund. Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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**In the One Hundred and Eighty-Ninth General Court
(2015-2016)**

An Act establishing the Olmsted Park improvement fund.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Chapter 21 of the General Laws, as appearing in the 2012 Official Edition, is hereby
2 amended by adding the following section:-

3 Section 67. (a) The department shall administer a program for the rehabilitation and
4 improvement of Olmstead parks in cities and towns of the commonwealth. For the purposes of
5 this section the term Olmstead park shall mean a state, county or municipal park, designed by the
6 architectural firm headed by Frederick Law Olmsted and designated by the department as an
7 Olmstead park. A city or town with an Olmstead park within its boundaries that desires state
8 assistance to rehabilitate or improve the Olmstead park may apply in writing for a grant from the
9 Olmstead Park Improvement Fund established in this section.

10 (b) There shall be established and set up on the books of the commonwealth a separate
11 fund, to be administered by the department, that shall be known as the Olmstead Park
12 Improvement Fund to be used without prior appropriation for the purposes of providing

13 rehabilitation and improvement grants to cities and towns with an Olmstead park within its
14 municipal boundaries. The fund shall consist of public and private sources such as gifts, grants
15 and donations, interest earned on such revenues and any funds provided from other sources.
16 Revenues deposited in the fund that are unexpended at the end of the fiscal year shall not revert
17 to the General Fund and shall be available for expenditure in the following fiscal year.

18 (c) The department shall annually award a grant by a competitive grant process to
19 qualified municipalities for an Olmstead park rehabilitation or improvement project within the
20 municipality.